

## **TB Nurse Network Meeting Minutes**

August 2, 2012

**Present:** Patty Raines (MDCH), Katie Dotson (MDCH), Noreen Mollon (MDCH), Peter Davidson (MDCH), Kate Klein (Intern – MDCH), Colleen Harns (Ingham), Sue Hudson (Baker College of Flint), Angie Schooley (MDCH Lab), Kathy Webster (Washtenaw), Pat Brines (Oakland), Barb Ritter (Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness), Michelle Hammond (Huron Medical Center), Bonnie Mellema (DHD#10), Jan Potvin (DHD #10), Patty Feenstra (Ottawa), Tamara Holsinger-Robinson (Ottawa), Sue Keen (Ottawa), Mike Phillips (Kalamazoo), Lynne Norman (Kalamazoo), Renee Crays (Chippewa), Margie Surface (Dickinson-Iron), Lori Day (Wayne)

The meeting was facilitated by Patty Raines.

Patty announced that the TB Intensive is scheduled for October 4-5 in Lansing. Registration is \$75.00. Registration information can be found at

<http://www.umdni.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2012/tbintensive-lansing.html>

If there are any questions related to the TB Intensive and/or registration, please contact Patty.

Patty gave an update on Cohort Review. During the last eleven months, nine health departments have participated in Cohort Review (s). Fourteen Cohort Reviews have been performed in the last eleven months, reviewing a total of 64 cases. Patty has developed a summary of Cohort Reviews in Michigan and shared some of her findings. The summary highlights many strengths and barriers that have been identified through the process. The summary revealed the need for more information/education related to length of TB treatment. Patty shared that she is currently working on a 1-2 page document related to completion of treatment. (Update: The completion of treatment guidelines are now complete and have been sent to you via e-mail as a reference). The summary also revealed that HIV testing is really good. Eighty-eight percent of cases reviewed thus far have known HIV status. If anyone is interested in setting up a Cohort Review (in person or via conference call), please contact Patty Raines or Noreen Mollon. An example of a follow-up report form of Cohort Review is being sent for your reference along with the minutes.

Noreen reminded the TB Nurse Network that TB Aggregate Report for Program Evaluation (ARPEs) are due on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next, Barb Ritter from the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness provided a discussion regarding homelessness in Michigan and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Barb shared that the number of homeless people with TB has been on the rise. She explained that the homeless population is at significant risk for TB and also at risk for not completing treatment. The purpose of the HMIS is to provide accurate counts of individuals that are homeless, provide services to clients, maintain a single social service record, and provide a portable case management tool. The driving issue for homelessness among families is poverty, and more specifically, poverty related to healthcare costs due to a healthcare crisis. The driving issue for homelessness among singles is poverty and disability. Barb

shared that 30% of individuals that go homeless are homeless multiple times. Seventy percent of individuals that go homeless do not return to a shelter within a three-year period.

Peter and Barb shared that they are in the beginning stages of developing a data use agreement between MDCH and the Michigan Coalition Against the Homeless in order to utilize the HMIS to obtain information and tracking history. This may be potentially helpful if a patient becomes lost to follow up, etc.

Pat Brines shared that Oakland County has minimal contact with homeless shelters. She said that she has looked online for a list of inmates in local jails to help find lost clients.

Next, Pat Brines from Oakland County presented an excellent case management presentation related to a client with MDR-TB. During her presentation, Pat mentioned an excellent resource, "Drug Resistant Tuberculosis: A Survival Guide for Clinicians," that can be ordered free of charge from the Curry International TB Center. The Curry Center website is <http://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/>. Thank you, Pat, for the excellent presentation.

Patty announced an upcoming webinar being offered by the New Jersey Global TB Institute entitled, "HIV Screening in TB Clinics: A Practical Approach." The webinar will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30p. For more information and registration, please visit: <http://www.umdni.edu/globaltb/courses/brochures/2012/bestpractices-aug.html>

Next, Patty shared a snapshot of results acquired from the recent Survey Monkey related to nursing education in 2013. Eighty percent of respondents indicated that they would like more case management education. Other areas of educational interest include case studies and treatment. The survey revealed that webinars are a preferred method of education. A majority of responses indicated that they would prefer a one-day training as opposed to a two-training. Patty asked for volunteers to serve on a planning committee for 2013 nursing education activities. Sue Hudson volunteered to serve on this committee. If anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, please contact Patty.

Lastly, Patty mentioned that more and more people are opting to attend the TBNN meetings via conference call/web-conference rather than in person. Patty asked the group how they would feel about moving future meetings to Capitol View Building rather than Ingham County Health Department. The group agreed that meetings should still be held at Ingham County Health Department. Several people shared that Thursdays are very busy days, and suggested that meetings should be scheduled on a different day of the week. The group agreed that Tuesdays and Wednesdays work better than Thursdays. Meetings in 2013 will be scheduled on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays in an attempt to accommodate busy schedules.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie Dotson, RN, BSN

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 from 10:00A-12:00P**

**\*Please note that this date has been changed\***